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REMARKS

Claim 1, the only independent claim has been amended to emphasize its distinctions over the prior art. It is most respectfully submitted that the Freeman reference relied upon by the Examiner does not teach or anticipate the claimed invention of claim 1. Freeman's single view does not show any way in which the pump cavity communicated with cylinder bore cooling jackets. His outlet ports 12 and 14 are shown as extending parallel to the pump axis rather than being inclined to either it or the cylinder bores, which are not even shown.


Claim 2 still further defines over this reference in calling for the location of the passage termination. If the Examiner believes this limitation is met, he is invited to explain how.

Claims 4-7 add to the distinction described above by calling for reinforcing ribs. The Examiner asserts that this is taught by Onofrio et al and asserts that his figure 6 shows reinforcing ribs but fails to identify them. This patent relates to a non-metallic engine body and nowhere describes any "ribs".

In addition claim 5 and the remaining claims that depend on it call out ribs that are aligned with the cylinder bores. Again if the Examiner believes the reference teaches the claimed features he is requested to point out the exact location of the alleged teaching.

Favorable reconsideration is most respectfully requested.

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